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SPOTTING INSTRUMENT

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

A Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time within which to file this response up to and including August 22, 2006, is also enclosed.